

# Foundational

**Instructor: Michele Nidenoff**

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

This workshop is offered by the **Calligraphic Arts Guild of Toronto**  
Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke, Studio A2

## ***Course Description***

The Foundational Hand was developed by the Calligrapher and Typographer Edward Johnston in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It is based on his study of the Ramsay Psalter, a 10<sup>th</sup> century Carolingian manuscript written in Winchester, England, which is now in the British Museum. Foundational has been taught as a basic alphabet in England for some time. It is very legible and is often used for longer texts. Many of our modern typefaces are based on it. This course is suitable for beginners. All levels welcome!

## ***Materials***

Pilot Parallel Pen (2.4mm) or  
Penholder, Ink, Speedball C-3 nib or Mitchell size 2 or Brause 2mm nib  
Pencil, ruler, eraser  
Grid paper (4 or 5 squares to the inch), 1 or two sheets of plain paper (can be marker paper)

## ***Instructor Bio***

Michele Nidenoff is a freelance illustrator and calligrapher. She has been teaching calligraphy to students ranging in age from children to seniors since 1990. Michele also teaches drawing and watercolour and is a longtime member of CAGT. <https://michelenidenoff.com>

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Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer. Please read registration form for details.

**Workshop Fee: CAGT Members \$95.00 Non-members \$110.00**

